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1. SINCE ALGERIANS DO NOT PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN BOYCOTT,
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U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION HAS NOT AFFECTED U.S.-
ALGERIAN TRADE. THE ALGERIANS DO NOT REQUIRE STATEMENTS
BY IMPORTERS THAT GOODS ARE NOT SO ISRAELI ORIGIN, AND
U.S. FIRMS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO STATE THAT THEY DO NOT
DEAL WITH ISRAEL OR OTHER FIRMS ON THE BLACKLIST.
FORMER PROHIBITIONS AGAINST SHIPPING GOODS ON BLACKLISTED
SHIPS HAVE BEEN RELAXED. ALGERIANS HAVE STRONG DESIRE

FOR AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND EXIMBANK AND U.S. COMMERCIAL BANK FINANCING, AND DO NOT COMPLICATE OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES. ALGERIANS CONTINUE TO BAR TRADE WITH ISRAEL, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA AND DO NOT ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WITH VISAS FROM THESE COUNTRIES TO ENTER ALGERIA.

2. ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

A. NO PROHIBITIONS UNDER THE EAA HAVE AN IMPACT ON U.S.-ALGERIAN TRADE.

B. ALGERIANS ARE NOT REQUIRING U.S. FIRMS TO VIOLATE AMERICAN ANTI-BOYCOTT LAWS IN ANY WAY.

C. UNILATERAL SELECTION OF SUPPLIER OR CONTRACTOR NOT GENERALLY EMPLOYED BY ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. THE ALGERIANS WILL NOT NORMALLY AWARD A CONTRACT TO A FIRM ON THE BLACKLIST. HOWEVER, TENDERS ARE OPEN AND ANY FIRM WISHING TO BID ON A PROJECT IS WELCOME. U.S. FIRMS ARE CAREFUL TO MAKE LARGE PURCHASES FROM COMPANIES FAVORED BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES. ON SOME TENDERS, ALGERIANS REQUIRE INFORMATION ON THE NATIONALITY OF THE EXPATRIATE PROJECT DIRECTOR.

D. ALGERIANS ARE FLEXIBLE AND A LARGE U.S. FIRM ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BLACKLIST MIGHT WELL BE ACCEPTED AS A CONTRACTOR IF THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAD A SPECIAL DESIRE FOR FIRM'S TECHNOLOGY. FOR EXAMPLE, RCA HAS RECENTLY SOLD DOLLARS 3.8 MILLION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT.

E. U.S. FIRMS HAVE NOT HAD PROBLEMS WITH RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ANTI-BOYCOTT REPORTING REGULATIONS.

F. THIRD COUNTRY FIRMS OR GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT SPREAD RUMORS AGAINST U.S. FIRMS OR PRODUCTS

G. U.S. EXPORTS ARE NOT INHIBITED BY UNCERTAINTIES OR DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT REGULATIONS.

H. REVISED TREASURY ANTI-BOYCOTT GUIDELINES UNDER THE 1976 TAX REFORM ACT HAVE NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED U.S. TRADE.

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